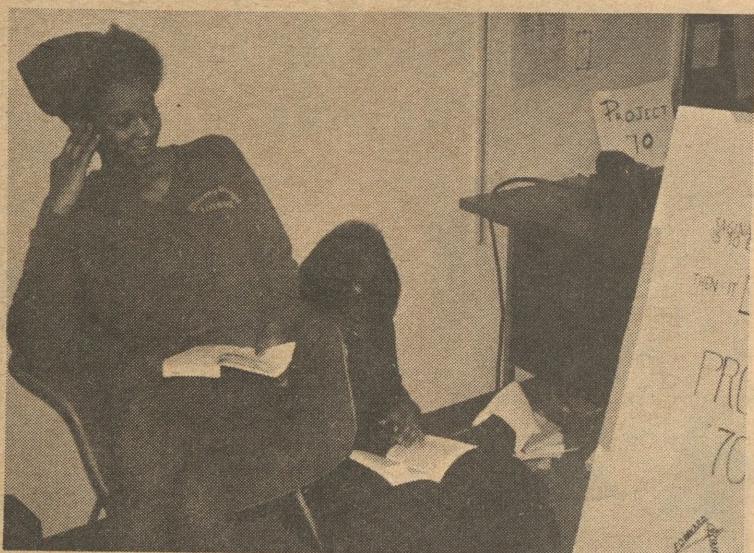
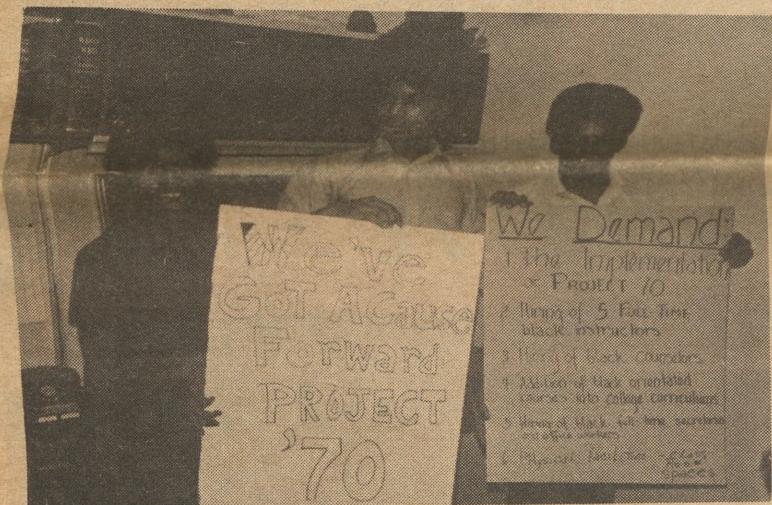




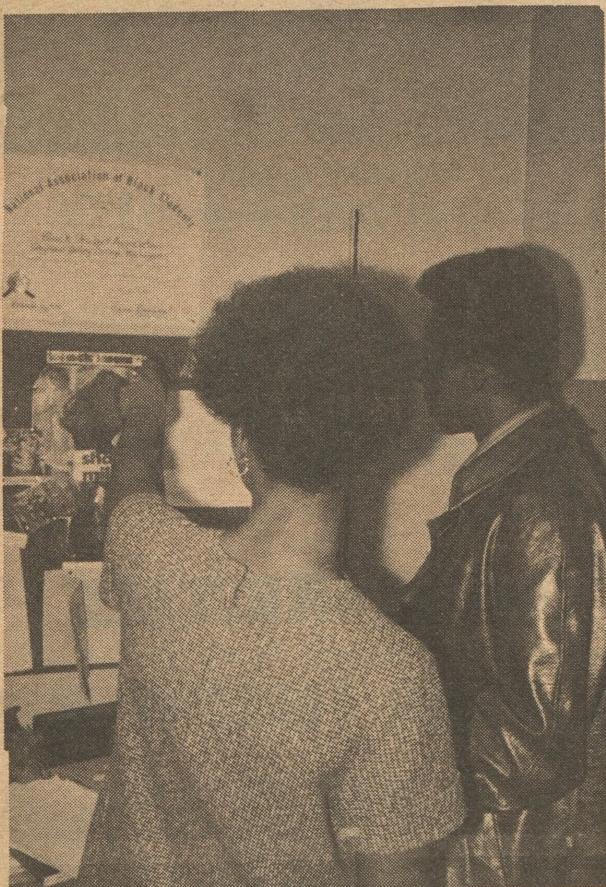
Students Occupied Pres. Office



Students Take Time Out To Study



BSA Gets Backing Of All Black Students



Spokesman For Students Point Out BSA Charter

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**Black Students
Boycott SVC**

Signs, strategically posted at the entrance of Wickes Hall at Saginaw Valley College, urged students to support the Black Student Association (BSA) class boycott. Black sisters, proudly sporting naturals, sedately distributed leaflets, expressing the BSA's thorough disenchantment with SVC's "gross neglect" policies toward minority students, to people entering the building.

The atmosphere - calm... as approximately thirty Black students, steadfast in securing their demands, occupied the office of the President Dr Marble. Some students had their noses buried in psychology text books. Some rapped and joked among themselves. Others remained quiet and pensive. A few, frazzled and worn down by endless hours of sitting and waiting, slept. A grave dedication to their commitments, enveloped them all. They were for real. Posters lined the walls of the president's office. Some listed the BSA's demands. Some shouted in heavy print, slogans like POWER TO THE PEOPLE. But they all reinforced the need for immediate change.

The atmosphere - hectic... as the coordinators of the BSA boycott rushed in and out the cramped Black student's office. Many empty coffee cups revealed the tiresome efforts launched by the coordinating committee. Typewriter keys clacked mercilessly on reams of paper - preparing fliers, press releases and other morsels of information which might be constructive to their cause. In the midst of all this seeming pandemonium glowed a sparkling revelation of the ingenuity, the forge-ahead-stick-to-it ness and most importantly, the awesome unity of Black Brothers and Sisters. Not one ounce of apathy did I see.

According to a BSA spokesman, It is in the community where the greatest wave of apathy flourishes. The reason for this was given to be because the community is inadequately informed. It is the BSA's hope of implementing a liaison program between minority students at

SVC and the community. This coalition will foster closer ties between minority students and their unique problems, with influential community leaders. The spokesman assures us that this joint effort will help to bring about needed changes to insure an atmosphere conducive of proper and above adequate education for all students. Issued in a fact sheet by the BSA's complaint of "gross neglect" on behalf of SVC. The fact sheet revealed that there is not ONE full-time Black instructor on campus. There are NO qualified full time Black secretaries or office workers. SVC has been in existence since 1964, and it has graduated only FOUR Blacks and ONE Mexican American. And finally, Saginaw Valley has only TWO full-time Black counselors, one which is most active in recruiting of any students. Consequently, the BSA intends to continue its demonstration until the following demands are met: 1. The implementation of Project 70's. 2. The hiring of qualified Black secretaries and office workers. 3. The hiring of five qualified full time Black in-

structors. 4. The hiring of qualified Black counselors to recruit Black students and faculty. 5. The establishment of Black-oriented classes in the College curriculum. The BSA of Saginaw Valley have issued the statement, "We are directing this demonstration, not toward Dr Marble as administrator, but toward the policies of Saginaw Valley College. This is a non-violent demonstration against the attitude that Saginaw Valley College had directed toward minority students. This attitude is one of gross neglect."

Stuart Gross, Public Relations Director of SVC, didn't renounce the validity of the BSA's complaint. He assures us that the main problem in meeting the list of demands in one of financial and implementation. It is the policy of the college that all things concerning it directly i.e. the Black student's demands, must be first passed through the community government. As it stands now, the BSA's hands are tied by the bonds of bureaucracy. Another spokesman for the BSA replied to Mr. Gross's com-

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Students Take A Moment To Talk About The Future



Children Who Had Singing A Singing Part Play "Mary Poppins."

'Mary Poppins' Presented For Houghton PTA

On March 17th, Mrs Schultz and her third graders dramatized Mary Poppins for the Houghton PTA.

Donna Jackson played the part of Mary Poppins very effectively, as she skipped across the stage carrying her umbrella.

Howard West played the part of Mr Banks the banker. Rosa Jones was Mrs Banks. Grenetta Johnson and Larry Najera were the two Banks' children, Jane and Michael.

Dudley Layfield was Bert the chimney sweep and a good friend of Mary Poppins. He knew when she came there would always be fun. Derrick Gibson and Louis Garcia were the newspaper reporters who stopped to talk and take pictures of Mary Poppins, Bert, and the children having fun at the carnival.

Linda Cheatham, the Bird Woman, sat on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral, selling bread crumbs to feed the birds as Mr Banks and the

children walked past on their way to the bank.

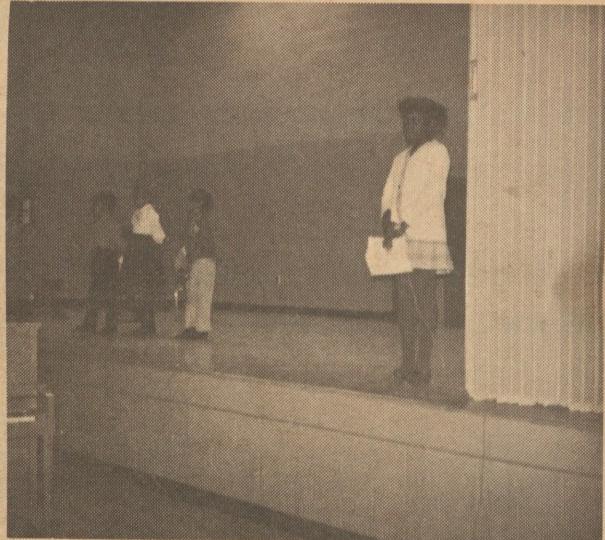
Cheryl Presely narrated the story between the acting and the singing of the many delightful, catchy songs, by the chorus.

Near the last of the show, Howard West, sang a solo "Let's Go Fly a Kite". He certainly was to be complimented on how clearly and spiritedly he sang this song.

The grand finale was Mary Poppins sailing across the stage with her carpet bag and umbrella as the class sang, "A Spoon Full of Sugar."

Mrs Sweigart had taught the children the many catchy songs of this delightful English play, among the songs were "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," "Feed the Birds," "Step in Time," and "Let's Go Fly a Kite."

It was a real pleasure for the children to have the opportunity to put on a play on their own school stage.

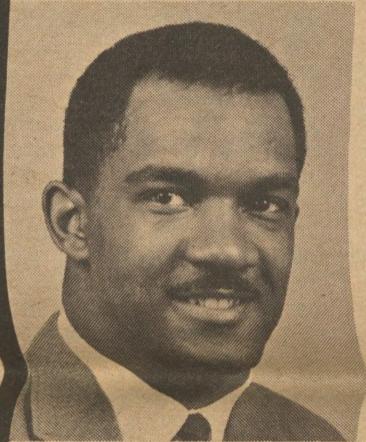


Cheryl Presely - Narrator of the play "Mary Poppins."



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Council Loses Another Member

MIKE PIERRIE

At Monday night's meeting, the city council received another resignation

submitted by councilman Kleinfelder. Kleinfelder's reason for resigning was due to the fact that he is

moving out of the city and according to the rules, a councilman must reside within the city limits to be on the council.

Members from Saginaw, sister city, Tokushima were present to the council Monday night.

Two of the members from Japan are doing a film on youth and the other members are here to dedicate Saginaw's Japanese Garden which was built last summer.

The Saginaw patrolman

and sergeants of the police force submitted demands for wage increases and ask that this be included with their new contract which is coming up in July.

The city purchased a seven gang hydraulic tractor mower for the department of recreation. The price (which was the bid of the three) was \$6,683.

Thirteen rules and regulations for Traffic Control was approved by council Monday night. These rules and regulations will be pub-

lished in the official city newspaper and there will be only one appearance of these rules and regulations in the paper.

An ordinance which was introduced by Councilman Loucks to amend Section 181 'Truck Routes' Chapter 2 "Public Safety" of the General Code, was laid over for two weeks, as is all ordinances which are introduced.

A resolution accepting the offer from Rodarte Builders Inc. to purchase property in the Salina Urban Renewal Project. The amount for eight lots purchased, was \$12,750. Also the Unity Urban Community Development and Rehabilitation non-profit housing corporation in the amount of \$4,600 for three lots and Lois Cantu for \$810.00 on a 30 foot parcel.

There was also a great discussion by councilmen and the mayor on the moving of the Methadone Clinic from Janes to the City health center. The reason is that it's so far from some of the people who are being treated for heroin addiction. Also there was a great discussion on the use of Methadone as a useful cure for addiction, and whether or not to continue the program, which some of the council consider as a crutch rather than a cure.

After all business was taken care of the meeting came to a close; ending another day of governmental activity in the City of Saginaw.

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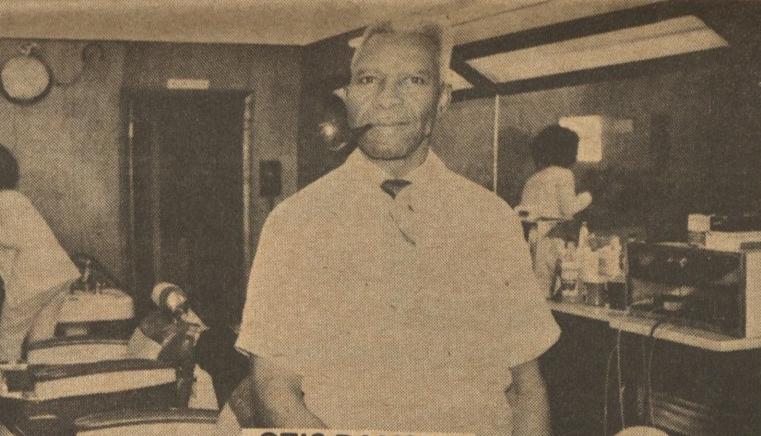
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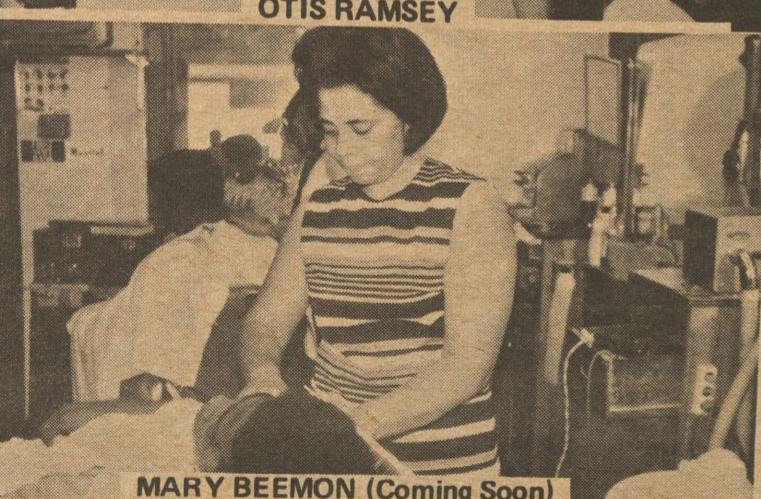
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gram resolutions to community problems.
EXAMPLES OF SUCH PROGRAMS ARE:

(1) Project Equality - This is a program designed to use the purchasing power of the Catholic Church to encourage equal employment policies on the part of its suppliers. It will be co-ordinated for four Deaneries by the Executive Di-

rector of Community Affairs through offices in Saginaw to central office in Detroit.

(2) Poverty Programs - The Director of Community Affairs will work with Diocesan Officials in setting up projects such as pre-school programs, health and guidance centers, job training programs and adult education.

(3) Low-Cost Housing - Plans are underway to set up low cost, subsidized housing for the impoverished in several Michigan urban centers under sponsorship of church-related organizations and funded with government monies. The Executive Director of Community Affairs will be expected to spearhead this program for the whole diocese.

(4) Migrant Labor - A continuing effort is being made by the Michigan Catholic Conference to assist migrant laborers in the state in the fields of health, labor laws, education, counseling and job training. The Executive Director of Community Affairs will assume the function of coordination and innovation in this area.

(5) Civil Rights - In Addition to Project Equality, the Executive Director of Community Affairs will be expected to relate closely to civil rights organizations and assist in shaping policies and programs within the church itself.



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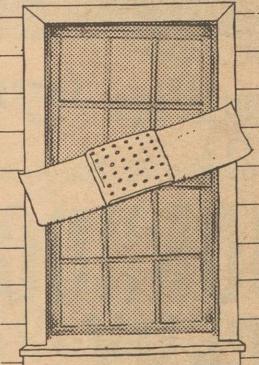
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Informing Citizens

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halt the city's placement and spending of money until they had received the full facts concerning the amount of money available and what should be done with the money. As a result of the inquiries made by these citizens, the city had to rethink the problems, and finally submitted to the citizens group alternative plans from which they could choose. In the final analysis of this activity, the citizens decided the location of tot-lots, the placement of portable swimming pools, and the institution of a garbage-trash collection program on a daily basis in their area. It is apparent that these citizens armed with the proper facts, were better able to cope with the problems of their area. The city was not able to just inform citizens, the citizens informed themselves and acted in their

best interests as a result.

We can draw a current parallel in this area as it applies to cities, townships, and states across the country. President Nixon announced a revenue-sharing plan in his state of the nation address to congress some months ago. The initial reaction to such a program was hailed widely in the press and by public officials across the country. Big city mayors, in particular, voiced initial support for this type of program. When the President forwarded the necessary information for legislation by the Congress, a different view became evident among public officials. The President sent teams across the country to assist in explaining the formula for revenue-sharing in order to drum up support. The reaction, lately, has been none to favorable to the plan. What does it propose to do?

For one thing, it would lump the monies currently received by the cities through various sources into one big grant - cities could spend the money to suit the needs of their local communities. But one of the casualties would have been the Model Cities Programs across the country. The National League of Cities lodged a strong protest with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and consequently the program has since been removed from the list as a revenue-sharing idea.

This writer sees a different twist to the story of informing. For a change, most of the people within city government were on the other side of the fence. The fence was an old one employed by them in the past. Compare and contrast - the federal government had been informing them - playing the same type of role most of the public officials had been employing on their populace for a number of years. When the shoe was on the other foot, a large cry and howl went up, yet they see the same role as being legitimate when dealing with people in their own local communities. Within this story is a lesson to be learned.

When citizens are intimidated by legalistic jargon and the prestige of elected officials, the citizens usually accept the "information" and endorse the proposals. When public officials are placed in the same situation, they come out fighting, using any and all weapons at their disposal to accomplish their particular ends and means.

Let me propose a solution to this problem. City officials have at their disposal a great number of experts in various fields. These constitute their resource people. Most citizens groups do not possess the monetary means to employ persons with enough skills, technical and educationally, to be able to cope with these types of problems. My advice - acquire the power and means by which you can employ persons who are knowledgeable and capable of carrying out the groups wishes.

The days when citizens merely stand by - are informed - and agree to programs written up and implemented by other people - is at an end.



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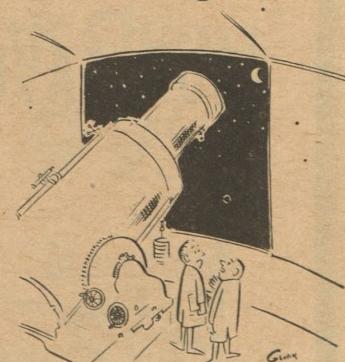
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Random Reflections

BY BARB

The idea is to keep the kids from killing each other. We assume the students of Saginaw High School don't really want to do anything but survive their education in peace. Probably the teachers would like to do the same, and maybe get across a little instruction on the side. So far this hasn't exactly been happening - at least not very smoothly. Right now, Saginaw High seems to be ticking along efficiently enough (sort of like a time bomb) but the problems

are still there and haven't been dealt with as yet by those supposedly have power.

Why do students cause trouble?

(1) Kids who aren't loved at home or respected at school hate everybody and want revenge.

(2) Ethnic groups ignorant of each others culture and heritage fear each other and want supremacy.

(3) Formerly downtrodden ethnic groups suddenly feeling their bonds being loosened may injure them-

selves by their increased struggles - they want freedom now.

(4) Lower class poor kids envious of middle class rich kids destroy what they can't have.

(5) Kids without goals or hope don't care what they do - and work only when they are forced.

(6) Kids whose lives are dull, whose spirits are deadened, will do anything to break the routine, to have a little fun, for pete's sake. How many kids have fun at Saginaw High - or at home either?

There are lots of impossible solutions. Anyone could name some. Impossible dreams. Build half a dozen small schools to replace the monster devourer of 2000 children. Hire more and better counselors - one for every 100 students. That's how it was in my small town high school. Call them guidance experts, assistant principals; whatever they're called, their job is to care about students - specifically. Not about grades or rules or morals, or anything but talking to kids about their troubles. Start a new course called "how to become human by really trying," each class to pick the teacher it feels has the most to offer. This class would of course be required in order to graduate. Oh yes, anyone can come up with ideas like these. *Impossible dreams alas.*

For practical solutions, we have to refer to the goals. First, to keep the students from injuring each other, how about a school life guard system, to be formed from reliable older students and parent volunteers to staff the school all day aided by a network of two-way radios so that no "lifeguards" would ever really be alone.

Second, to teach each culture group about the others, there should always have been a compulsory ethnic studies course lasting at least two semesters. It isn't enough to schedule a voluntary half-staffed "black studies" class. There's more to ethnic than black.

Third, the have and the have nots have always been in conflict. Envy is human, unfortunately. How about a student fund for poor students, with a fee to be paid by each students' parents upon his entrance into high school. This fund could be used to arrange small loans for the things that are important to teenagers, small things their parents don't have the extra cash to buy, or maybe big things, like high school pictures, or a new clarinet, or a pair of gym shoes. Why should everybody's parents have to give money for a fund only the poor will use? That's a very good question, and if your heart does not give you the answer, you better start looking for a new heart baby.

Finally, to give hope, spirit and a little fun to colorless, boring lives - this is the goal the world has been trying for through the ages. You only care

about living when you love and are loved, when you give and receive respect instead of contempt. To keep trying for the best life, you have to have someone who will notice when you achieve it. To have fun means to be relaxed in the presence of those who are important to you. It all sounds so simple, doesn't it? Yet a life like this escape those who need it most. What does this town have to offer for the life

worth living on a teenage level? Big brothers, volunteer bureau, scouts, a place for those who care to meet those who need to be cared about?

These are my ideas, for what they are worth. They may sound just as unrealistic to you, the reader, as six new high schools. So come up with something better and welcome. Saginaw High needs all the helping heads it can get.

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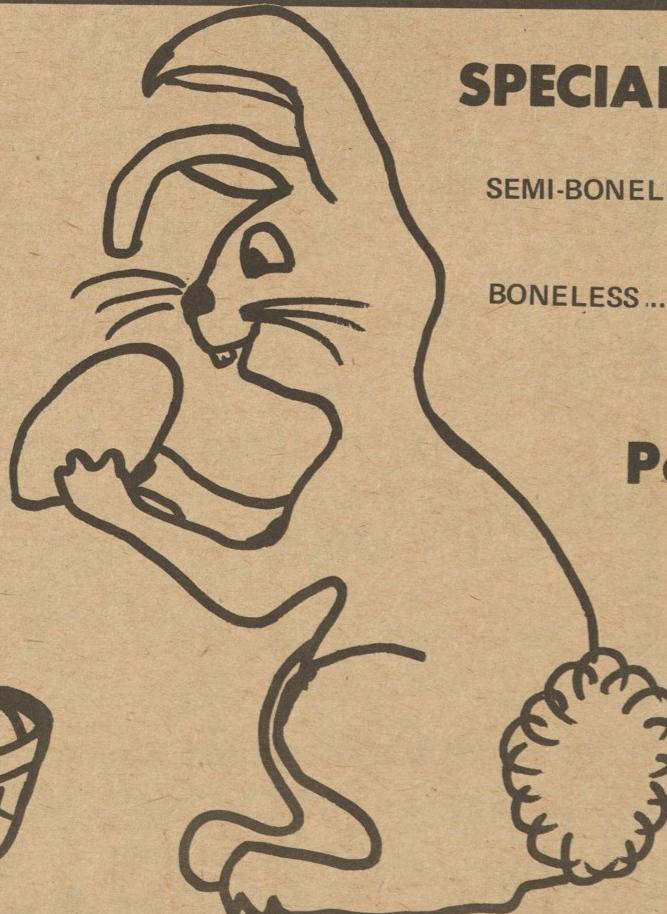
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Saginaw, Michigan
48601

MISSION: Possible. Train and Employ
Days absent (None). Times tardy (once)

This is the attendance report of German Garrison, a former Neighborhood Youth Corps enrollee. With an attendance like this and a work performance to match it, finding full time employment for Garrison was no problem.

Garrison joined Neighborhood Youth Corps during the last quarter of 1970. A very neat and soft-spoken young man, he had no trouble in communicating and he soon became one of the most active enrollees. His work station was Social Security office. Monthly ratings sent in by Garrison's Supervisor gives him high ratings in cooperation, working with others, ability to carry out assignments, reliability and ability to work without supervision. Supervisor's comments are, "Mr Garrison is doing a very good job."

Garrison is now employed full time by Rodarte Brothers doing the work he likes best - Interior decorating.

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Industrial robots are increasing productivity and profitability in die casting plants, and will have even greater future potential according to J. M. Sutherland, robot product manager of AMF Versatran Division.

The Versatran programmable automatic robot demonstrated its capabilities in actual loading, unloading, transfer, and other production-type operations at the Die Casting Engineers' exhibition held recently at the Cleveland Public Auditorium.

AMF robots are increasingly being employed by die casters of electrical, automotive, hardware, and other products, for production and economic reasons. Production can be boosted by as much as 50% on a consistent, hour-by-hour basis, accompanied by increased quality and reduced rejects. Able to operate around the clock, the robot permits fuller utilization of costly capital equipment previously idled for long periods by shortage of human labor.

Industry Helps Future Citizens

President Richard M. Nixon accepted the first copy of Flick-Reedy Corporation's Naturalization Course booklet during recent ceremonies in which he addressed new citizens in Chicago.

The Flick-Reedy booklet outlines that company's citizenship preparatory program operated for its foreign-born employees and neighbors wishing to take the naturalization examinations. The company is located in Bensenville, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

Flick-Reedy, President Frank A. Flick described establishment of the course as in keeping with the company's stated philosophy: "To promote individual moral responsibility."

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